

1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 802

2 AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend Senate Bill 802, AS AMENDED,  
3 with reference to page and line numbers of House Amendment  
4 No. 9, on page 8, immediately below line 11, by inserting the  
5 following:

6 "Section 40. Meigs Field.

7 (a) The General Assembly finds all of the following:

8 (1) Prior to its closure on March 31, 2003, Meigs  
9 Field served an important role to the State and national  
10 air transportation system.

11 (2) The closure of Meigs Field adversely affects  
12 air traffic and airports throughout the Chicago region,  
13 presently and significantly in the future with the  
14 planned expansion of Chicago O'Hare International  
15 Airport.

16 (3) Meigs Field, if reopened, would immediately  
17 serve a vital role for air transportation in this State  
18 that would include medical flights, emergency services,  
19 and business and personal air travel.

20 (4) It is estimated that the cost to repair and  
21 reopen Meigs Field is approximately \$500,000.

22 (b) The City of Chicago and the Chicago Park District  
23 shall forthwith restore and reopen Meigs Field as an airport

1 for public use.

2 (c) The City of Chicago and the Chicago Park District  
3 may not take any action regarding Meigs Field or the property  
4 upon which it is located that is inconsistent with this  
5 Section. This subsection is a limitation under subsection (i)  
6 of section 6 of Article VII of the Illinois Constitution on  
7 the concurrent exercise of powers and functions exercised by  
8 the state.

9 (d) Notwithstanding Sections 6 and 8 of the State  
10 Mandates Act, no reimbursement by the State is required for  
11 the implementation of any mandate created by this Section.

12 Section 45. South Suburban Airport; Peotone, Illinois.

13 (a) The Governor and the State of Illinois must  
14 immediately, expeditiously, and continuously take all action  
15 necessary for the construction and operation of a south  
16 suburban airport located in the vicinity of Peotone,  
17 Illinois. This includes, without limitation, expeditiously  
18 negotiating and settling, if possible, with land owners to  
19 acquire property for the airport in order to avoid hardships  
20 on the landowners. The Governor must direct the Illinois  
21 Department of Transportation and all other executive branch  
22 agencies under the Governor's control to comply with this  
23 Section.

24 (b) The Governor and the Illinois Department of  
25 Transportation shall expeditiously seek approval of the  
26 Federal Aviation Administration for an airport runway layout  
27 plan, including an inaugural runway of a minimum of 10,000  
28 feet, for the south suburban airport located in the vicinity  
29 of Peotone, Illinois. The State shall not enact or enforce  
30 any law respecting aeronautics that interferes with, or has  
31 the effect of interfering with, that runway design."; and

32 on page 16, line 29, by changing "Section 7-103.149" to  
33 "Sections 7-103.149 and 7-103.150"; and

1 on page 19, immediately below line 12, by inserting the  
2 following:

3 "(735 ILCS 5/7-103.150 new)  
4 Sec. 7-103.150. Quick-take; Peotone airport. Eminent  
5 domain proceedings, including quick-take proceedings under  
6 Section 7-103, may be used by the Department of  
7 Transportation for the purpose of acquiring property for the  
8 construction of an airport in the vicinity of Peotone,  
9 Illinois."; and

10 on page 19, immediately below line 19, by inserting the  
11 following:

12 "Section 97. The State Mandates Act is amended by adding  
13 section 8.27 as follows:

14 (30 ILCS 805/8.27 new)  
15 Sec. 8.27. Exempt mandate. Notwithstanding Sections 6  
16 and 8 of this Act, no reimbursement by the State is required  
17 for the implementation of any mandate created by Section 40  
18 of the O'Hare Modernization Act."